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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
NISHIDA et al.) Art Unit 2651
Application Number: 10/695,830)
Filed: October 30, 2003)
For: MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS,)
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND)
MAGNETIC RECORDING METHOD)
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0128)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

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Total Claims	8	11	(Over 20)	x \$50	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$200	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+\$360	0
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[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)
[] Preliminary Amendment
[] Substitute Specification
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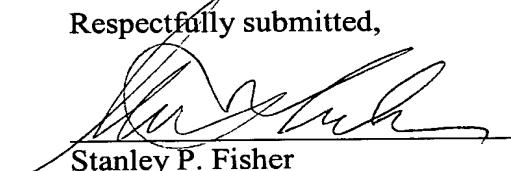
[] Petition for ____ month Extension of Time
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[x] Letter to Draftsperson
[x] 2 sheets of drawings
[] Petition under _____

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2005, the period for response to which expires on May 7, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: